

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 31, 2011

Re: The 11-65 proceeding regarding AT&T's application to merge with T-Mobile

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am grateful for the chance to comment on this merger. I am also fortunate to have the chance to work toward a better future for the people and businesses of Kentucky. The potential outcome of this merger is promising and will indeed provide a better future and way of life for the businesses and people of Kentucky.

The members of the Kentucky Association for Economic Development (KAED) have worked to promote economic development in this state. In our view, economic development is really about improving the business environment in every region and refining the quality of life for every citizen of Kentucky. We work to accomplish these goals and we provide leadership and educational opportunities, as well as chances for professionals to network and forge beneficial relationships. Our sincere hope is to create a true "commonwealth of opportunity" for all citizens of our state, and it is my belief that KAED can reach these goals more quickly and efficiently through the use of advanced technology.

Increased access to reliable, high-speed wireless Internet service will lead to new opportunities for current and future Kentucky businesses and professionals. Advanced communications technology will encourage business development and expansion, productive networking, innovations in every industry, and professional and educational opportunities for workers. An expanded and enhanced network infrastructure across the state will enable Kentucky to attract new businesses as well as assist Kentuckians in starting small businesses. Increased availability of broadband will encourage local economic development and business growth, all of which will indeed promote better quality of life in Kentucky.

In the state of Kentucky, there is much to celebrate, and a glance toward the future reveals even more to come. The work of making Kentucky a better place—to live, to work, and to play—is rewarding and worthwhile. The closer we get to those goals, the more opportunities become available for all Kentuckians. You can help us fulfill the promises of the future and further these goals and opportunities by approving the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Mangeot", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Mangeot

President & CEO

Kentucky Association for Economic Development

CC:

Chairman Julius Genachowski

Commissioner Michael Copps

Commissioner Robert McDowell

Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker